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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

9 CORY COOMBES, an individual,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
a political subdivision of the State of Nevada;
13 JACKIE JAMES, an individual; and DOES 1-
10, inclusive,

14 Defendant.
15 _____/

CASE NO.: 3:22-cv-00368-ART-CLB

ORDER GRANTING
STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

16 Pursuant to FRCP 26(c), in order to protect the confidentiality of confidential information
17 obtained by the Parties in connection with this case, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

18 1. Any Party or non-party may designate as “confidential” (by stamping the relevant
19 page or as otherwise set forth herein) any document or response to discovery which that
20 Party or non-party considers in good faith to contain information (herein referred to as
21 “Confidential Information”) involving: (a) employment records of any employees or former
22 employees of any Party; (b) confidential notes, memoranda, and statements regarding non-party
23 employees; (c) confidential information concerning the discipline and/or termination of non-
24 party employees and former employees; (d) the production of information or documents

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1 proprietary to any Party, including by way of example and not limitation, tax records, financial
2 statements; (e) other private information of any Party or non-party to the present litigation,
3 including consumer records, *e.g.*, phone bills; (f) financial records and business records of any
4 person or entity, whether a Party or non-party to the present litigation; (g) medical records,
5 including medical bills and psychological records, and medical information of any person,
6 whether a Party or non-party to the present litigation; (h) the name, identity, record or personally
7 identifiable information of any student or former student of Defendant Washoe County School
8 District which information is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of
9 1974, 20 U.S.C. §1232g (FERPA); (j) any Confidential Administrative Investigative Reports,
10 and their related documents, conducted by Defendant Washoe County School District; and (k)
11 any other personally identifiable information subject to protection under the Federal Rules of
12 Civil Procedure or Nevada law. Where a document or response consists of more than one page,
13 the first page and each page on which Confidential Information appears shall be so designated.

14 2. A Party or non-party may designate information disclosed during a deposition or
15 in response to written discovery as “confidential” by so indicating in said response or on the
16 record at the deposition and requesting the preparation of a separate transcript of such material.
17 Additionally, a Party or non-party may designate in writing, within twenty (20) days after receipt
18 of said responses or of the deposition transcript for which the designation is proposed, that
19 specific pages of the transcript and/or specific responses be treated as “confidential” information.
20 Any other Party may object to such proposal, in writing or on the record. Upon such objection,
21 the Parties shall follow the procedures described herein below. After any designation made
22 according to the procedure set forth in this paragraph, the designated documents or information
23 shall be treated according to the designation until the matter is resolved according to the
24 procedures described herein below, and counsel for all Parties shall be responsible for making

1 all previously unmarked copies of the designated material in their possession or control with the
2 specified designation.

3 3. All information produced or exchanged in the course of this case (other than
4 information that is publicly available) shall be used by the Party or Parties to whom the
5 information is produced solely for the purpose of this case.

6 4. Except with the prior written consent of other Parties, or upon prior order of this
7 Court obtained upon notice to opposing counsel, Confidential Information shall not be disclosed
8 to any person other than:

9 a) counsel for the respective Parties to this litigation, including in-house
10 counsel and co- counsel retained for this litigation;

11 b) employees of such counsel;

12 c) individual defendants, class representatives, any officer or employee of a
13 Party, to the extent deemed necessary by Counsel for the prosecution or defense of this litigation;

14 d) consultants or expert witnesses retained for the prosecution or defense of
15 this litigation, provided that each such person shall execute a copy of the Certification annexed
16 to this Order as Exhibit "A" (which shall be retained by counsel to the Party so disclosing the
17 Confidential Information and made available for inspection by opposing counsel during the
18 pendency or after the termination of the action only upon good cause shown and upon order of
19 the Court) before being shown or given any Confidential Information;

20 e) any authors or recipients of the Confidential Information;

21 f) the Court, Court personnel, and court reporters; and

22 g) non-party witnesses (other than persons described in paragraph 4(e)). A
23 non-party witness (other than persons described in paragraph 4(c) and 4(e)) shall sign the
24 Certification before being shown a confidential document. Confidential Information may be

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1 disclosed to a non-party witness (other than persons described in paragraph 4(c) and 4(e)) who
2 will not sign the Certification only in a deposition at which the Party who designated the
3 Confidential Information is represented or has been given notice that Confidential Information
4 shall be designated “Confidential”, as set forth herein above. Witnesses shown Confidential
5 Information shall not be allowed to retain copies.

6 5. Any persons receiving Confidential Information shall not reveal or discuss such
7 information to or with any person who is not entitled to receive such information, except as set
8 forth herein.

9 6. Unless otherwise permitted by statute, rule or prior court order, papers filed with
10 the court under seal shall be accompanied by a contemporaneous motion for leave to file those
11 documents under seal, and shall be filed consistent with the court’s electronic filing procedures
12 in accordance with Local Rule IA 10-5 and shall also comply with the requirements of Center
13 for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016). Notwithstanding
14 any agreement among the Parties, the Party seeking to file a paper under seal bears the burden
15 of overcoming the presumption in favor of public access to papers filed in court. Kamakana v.
16 City and County of Honolulu, 447 F.2d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006); Pintos v. Pac. Creditors Ass’n, 605
17 F.3d 665, 677- 78 (9th Cir. 2010).

18 7. A Party may designate as “Confidential” documents or discovery materials
19 produced by a non-party by providing written notice to all Parties of the relevant document
20 numbers or other identification within thirty (30) days after receiving such documents or
21 discovery materials. Any Party or non-party may voluntarily disclose to others without
22 restriction any information designated by that Party or non-party as confidential, although a
23 document may lose its confidential status if it is made public.

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1 8. If a Party contends that any material is not entitled to confidential treatment, such
2 Party may at any time give written notice to the Party or non-party who designated the material.
3 The Party or non-party who designated the material shall have twenty-five (25) days from the
4 receipt of such written notice to apply to the Court for an order designating the material as
5 confidential. The Party or non-party seeking the order has the burden of establishing that the
6 document is entitled to protection.

7 9. Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of material as Confidential
8 Information, all documents shall be treated as such and shall be subject to the provisions hereof
9 unless and until one of the following occurs:

10 a) the Party or non-party claims that the material is Confidential Information
11 withdraws such designation in writing; or

12 b) the Party or non-party who claims that the material is Confidential
13 Information fails to apply to the Court for an order designating the material confidential within
14 the time period specified above after receipt of a written challenge to such designation; or

15 c) the Court rules the material is not confidential.

16 10. All provisions of this Order restricting the communication or use of Confidential
17 Information shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of this action, unless otherwise
18 agreed or ordered. Upon conclusion of the litigation, a Party in the possession of Confidential
19 Information, other than that which is contained in pleadings, correspondence, and deposition
20 transcripts, shall either (a) return such documents no later than thirty (30) days after conclusion
21 of this action to counsel for the Party or non-party who provided such information, or (b) destroy
22 such documents within the time period upon consent of the Party who provided the information
23 and certify in writing within thirty (30) days that the documents have been destroyed.

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11. The terms of this Order do not preclude, limit, restrict, or otherwise apply to the use of documents at trial.

12. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive any applicable privilege or work product protection, or to affect the ability of a Party to seek relief for an inadvertent disclosure of material protected by privilege or work product protection.

13. Any witness or other person, firm or entity from which discovery is sought may be informed of and may obtain the protection of this Order by written advice of the Parties' respective counsel or by oral advice at the time of any deposition or similar proceeding.

DATED this 30th day of December, 2022.

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This Court's will only retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order while this case is pending and its jurisdiction will terminate upon the dismissal of this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: January 3, 2023

EXHIBIT A**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify my understanding that Confidential Information is being provided to me pursuant to the terms and restrictions of the Stipulated Protective Order dated _____, filed in Case No. 3:22-cv-00368. I have been given a copy of that Order and read it. I agree to be bound by the Order. I will not reveal the Confidential Information to anyone, except as allowed by the Order. I will maintain all such Confidential Information—including copies, notes, or other transcriptions made therefrom—in a secure manner to prevent unauthorized access to it. No later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of this action, I will return the Confidential Information—including copies, notes or other transcriptions made therefrom—to the counsel who provided me with the Confidential Information. I hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the purpose of enforcing the Stipulated Protective Order.

DATED: _____

Signature_____
Printed Name